

converted into broad gauge. That decision has been taken and only a few days back the Minister for Railways has inaugurated the work. In the light of this, I may assure the House that government is going to make another effort. Beyond writing and trying to convince the Government of India that it is more economical to locate this workshop in Mysore, in what other manner we should put pressure, I cannot say. The one thing that suggests to my mind is this: I would request the hon. member to go in a team to the Central Government—I am prepared to send them, and use their good offices and see whether we could succeed.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—We are also willing to join hand with the Government.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—I am sure you will join hands. I expect something much more than that. If the members of the Opposition put forth this case before the Railway Minister, I hope he may reconsider. Somebody said that by spending Rs 15 lakhs they could have the same facilities for repairs and other things in Mysore Railway Workshop. That is a very important which could be taken up with the Centre. Perhaps it may not cost as much as it is now going to cost for the new location. Under these circumstances, I would say that I am even prepared to constitute a team of members belonging to both the sides including Sriyuts Armugham and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Of course, Sri Gungadharan will be in the team because I am sure among all the members he seems to have more capacity to pull wires at the centre than the rest. We shall all try our best in this regard.

(iv) *re : generating electricity at Munirabad Power Station*

†**SRI K. BHASKAR NAIDU (Bellary).**—Sir, I raise a matter under rule 312 regarding need to generate electricity at Munirabad Power Station by utilising the 14 feet surplus water available in the Tungabhadra Dam to redeem the people of Bellary City who are not having even a glass of water to drink. The Bellary City's temperature is running between 44-46, that would be about 109 to 111 degrees Fahrenheit. The Hon. Chief Minister and the Municipal Administration Minister will be kind enough to ask the PHE Department to take emergency water supply. The Government was also kind enough to place at the disposal of the PHE nearly Rs. 25 lakhs. I went back Bellary with my head erect to tell the people that at least during this summer they will not suffer for want of drinking water. When I left for the second time, on the 9th May 1979, the Executive Engineer of the Electricity Department called the Municipal Commissioner and told him that he was closing the power supply from the TB dam and

the Hampi Power station. Sir, it was a shocking news to me. No officer thought that the most important thing to pump the water to the reservoirs was the electricity for the purpose of drinking water. So much so what has happened Sir, now the power is supplied from Gotugudem a distance of 275 mile in Andhra which goes to Gooty and from Gooty it comes to Hampi. While coming the current travels on the 132 KV line from Gooty to Hampi. In the transit the power reduces to 110 KV and it further gets reduced to 40 KV. The result is, even to see a bulb burning we have to put a torch, the voltage would be so low. The Municipality has closed functioning of the light from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the evening. Consequently instead of getting 38 lakh gallons per day we are getting only 8 lakh gallons in the water tanks. If the tanks are filled up, then only we get water for distribution. With the low pressure, the water will not travel. When I asked the officers, they said that they have closed the tanks for repairs. This closure is not of recent origin but this phenomenon has been going on for years and years.

Power is supplied from Munrabad even today to Hugri a distance of 11 miles, for the Carbo Hydrate factory. The same power passes through Bellary. The 110 KV transformer has not been in talled for the last so many years despite making several attempts. Sir, people in Bellary are without drinking water. This time the summer is so severe that there is absolutely no water for drinking which is also due to failure of power. I do not know what the Power Minister will do to solve our difficulty I request him to move immediately to Ho-pet and Hampi and see for himself what to do. I hope the Minister will understand our difficulty.

The Tungabhadra Board is the joint Board of Andhra and Karnataka. Our Chief Minister was kind enough to post a Chief Minister now because there was formerly only a Superintending Engineer who was in control of the Board. The Secretary of the Board who is an Andhra seems to be controlling the Board. I earnestly request the Chief Minister to send Sri Srinivas to Hampi and see what is the position.

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I make the following statement.—

1. Power supply to Bellary City was being fed from T. B. Dam Power House and Hampi Power House till 9th May 1979. From 10th May 1979 these power houses have been closed down by the Tungabhadra Board for annual maintenance of power channel.

2. After the closure of power houses in Tungabhadra Dam complex power supply to Bellary City is being arranged from Gooty

in Andhra Pradesh on the 132 K.V. transmission line and the 132KV/66KV inter-connecting transformer at Hampi. The incoming voltage on 132 KV. line goes down to as low a figure as 113 KV. during peak load hours which correspondingly brings down the 66 KV. voltage to 48 KV. This is causing low voltage conditions to the Water Supply installations at Bellary City.

3. It is reported that better voltage conditions prevail during off peak hours and the Water Supply Authorities have been requested to work their pumps during such off peak hours. With the present inflow of water into the reservoir it is likely that the level is expected to reach 1602 in about a fortnight's time when the generation at Munirabad will be resumed and normal voltage conditions will prevail to Bellary city.

4. On the left bank side of the reservoir i. e., KEB Munirabad Power House, the minimum draw down level is 602 as against the present reservoir level of 1595.45. The power house was accordingly closed down on 17th April 1979. It is not possible to generate power at the Munirabad Power House.

5. The minimum draw-down level for T.B. Dam Power House is 1583. The level as on to-day is 1595.45. Power Supply to an extent of 2 to 3 M. W. can be generated at T. B. Dam Power House with the present level of the reservoir. However, this cannot be done due to repairs in the tail race pit of the power channel. The Munirabad-Bellary transmission line when commissioned will also improve the situation. In short, there are the facts. I understand that the water supply position in Bellary City has worsened and becoming acute. My own understanding is that inspite of the fact that power generation is under repairs, it should be possible to generate some power from the TB Dam power House because there is some surplus water available. In fact, I have already instructed my officers to immediately get in touch with the TB dam authorities to see if power could be generated immediately before generation could be resumed so that the inconvenience caused to Bellary City is obviated.

So far as the other suggestion made by Sri Bhaskarnaidu for installing a suitable transformer to tap the power from the line that is already passing through Bellary, I shall get the matter examined immediately and within another 24 hours I assure the hon. member that every possible effort to restore the voltage condition to Bellary City will certainly be attended to. If there is anything beyond that, then the inconvenience will have to be put up to the extent that we could not help. But I can assure that the government will not be lacking in its efforts in that direction.